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The Curator.,
Metropolitan Museum Of Art., - Referred to Am. Numismatic Society
New York,
N.Y.

Sir_

I am sending you in this letter, two of what I believe to be ancient silver coins. If it is within your power, I would like to have the following information about them:

1. Thier age.
2. The countries of issue.
3. Thier intrinsic value.
4. Collectors value if any.

These pieces were unearthed in a place where it would be a hard matter to account for them. In fact, I found them while prospecting for gold. I found quite a number of coins in the same place. Eighteen coins in all. The rest were easily identified. There were coins from China, Panama, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Peru and the United States. I believe that there are more there and at the first opportunity, I am going back to see.

Of the lot, fourteen have been defaced in various ways.

I am sending you money order for the return postage.

While I am writing to you, I would like to have you give me the name of a responsible collector who is interested in Maya Indian relics, thier history and civilization. While prospecting, I have run across quite a number of thier remains. Burial grounds, villages, mounds and other evidences.

If there is any charge for the above information, please let me know by return mail.

Yours Truly,

A.M. Bouché.

Philip V 1700-24
Lima Peru 1799